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1. As of 7 July 1953 the 17th Infantry Regiment from the Odorhei Garrison was moved into the Timisoara area. The regimental trucks followed with the baggage.

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- 2. The commander of the regiment is Col Tor Tanghioiu; the adjutant is Major Traian Angheluta; the political officer is Capt Adrian Negolasa. The regiment is divided into three battalions, a heavy machine gun company, an artillery section, and a "specialist" section.
- 5. The battalions are divided into three rifle companies each, each company consisting of a company troop and three rifle platoons. The platoons have a command troop and three rifle platoons. The platoons have a command troop and three rifle squads. Each company has in the company troop two officers, eight men; the rifle platoons have one officer, 38 men; the command troop has one officer, six men.
- 4. The machine gun company has two heavy machine gun platoons, each with one officer, 39 men, and a mortar platoon of one officer, 37 men.
- 5. The artillery section has three platoons (one to operate with each battalion), each platoon having two 76.2mm accompanying guns.
- 6. The specialist section consists of a communications and scouting platoon of two officers, 42 men; an AA platoon of one officer, 28 men; an engineer platoon,

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two officers, 38 men; a quartermaster platoon, one officer, 29 men; a staff platoon, 17 men; a medical platoon, one officer, 26 men; a section for political propaganda, one officer, 14 men.

- 7. The company troop has four Simonov auto-rifles, 4 carbines, 2 pistols. The rifle platoons have one heavy machine gun, one auto-rifle, and in the rifle squads either an auto-rifle or a light machine gun, with 11 rifles. In the machine gun company each machine gun platoon has four heavy machine guns and a light machine gun; the mortar platoon has four 50 mm mortars and four 82 mm. The AA platoon has eight AA machine guns. The engineer platoon has eight ROKS-2 flame throwers.
- 8. The men belong to the classes 1932 to 1934. Shoulder boards are decorated in red.
- 9. At present the regimental staff, machine gun company and special section are in Remetea-Mare, 13 km east of Timisoara. The 1st and 2nd battalions are in Mosnita, 9 km east of Timisoara, and the 3rd Battalion in Bucovat, about 11 km east of Timisoara. The aftillery section is split up in platoons attached to the battalions.

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